# STENNIS SAYS SAIGON CAN'T HOLD ON ALONE

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WASHINGTON, March 9 (UPI) —The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Sunday that South Vietnamese troops were incapable of winning the Vietnam war by themselves and American forces might have to remain there for as long as 10 years.

Senator John Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi, said that Americans would be "badly mistaken if we think we can depend too much upon this South Vietnamese Army winning this war or being able to hold the line."

"I don't believe they will be able to do it and I believe Hanoi knows this better than we do," he said.

Mr. Stennis said he did not advocate a withdrawal of American forces but added: "I don't believe present policy is getting us anywhere."

At the present level of fighting, he said, "We'll have to stay there for 10 years at best."